

**Application of  
Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC**

**EXHIBIT I**

Articles of Organization  
&  
Secretary of State Certificate of Authority



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

DECEMBER 12, 2003

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NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, IN  
208 S. LASALLE ST., STE. 1855  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-0000

RE LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO APPROVE YOUR REQUEST TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND AN APPROVED APPLICATION OF ADMISSION.

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH (MONTH OF QUALIFICATION) NEXT YEAR. A PRE-PRINTED ANNUAL REPORT FORM WILL BE SENT TO THE REGISTERED AGENT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

JESSE WHITE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY DIVISION  
TELEPHONE (217)524-8008

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Form **LLC-45.5**  
December 2003

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Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
Limited Liability Company Division  
Room 351, Howlett Building  
Springfield, IL 62756  
<http://cyberdriveillinois.com>

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's C.P.A.'s check or money order, payable to "Secretary of State."

**Illinois**  
**Limited Liability Company Act**

**Application for Admission to Transact Business**

**Submit in Duplicate**

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Date 12-12-2003  
Assigned File # 01072706  
Filing Fee \$500  
Penalty \$  
Approved: ZB \$

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1. Limited Liability Company name: Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC  
(Must comply with Section 1-10 of ILCA or article 2 below applies.)
2. The assumed name, other than the true company name, under which the LLC proposes to transact business in Illinois is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable, a form LLC-1.20, Application to Adopt an Assumed Name, is required to be completed and attached to this application.)
3. Jurisdiction of Organization: Kentucky
4. Date of Organization: 11/20/03
5. Period of Duration: perpetual
6. The address, including county, of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of its organization, or if not required, of the principal place of business (Post office box alone and c/o are unacceptable):  
(See #14 on back)  

201 (Number)	E. Main Street (Street)	Suite 1000 (Suite)
Lexington, KY (City/State)	40507 (ZIP Code)	<u>Fayette</u> (County)
7. Registered agent: National Registered Agents, Inc.  
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)  

Registered Office: 208 (Number)	S. LaSalle Street (Street)	Suite 1855 (Suite #)
(P.O. Box or c/o are unacceptable) Chicago (City)	Cook (County)	Illinois 60604 (ZIP Code)
8. The date on which this foreign LLC first did business in Illinois: upon qualification

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9. The purpose or purposes for which the company is organized and proposes to conduct in this State: Include the business code # (IRS Form 1065).  
provision of telecommunications services (#4813)
10. The limited liability company is managed by:  
manager(s)  
☒ vested in member(s)
11. The Illinois Secretary of State is hereby appointed the agent of the limited liability company for service of process under the circumstances set forth in a subsection (b) of Section 1-50 of the ILLCA.
12. This application is accompanied by a certificate of good standing or existence, as well as a copy of the articles of organization, as amended, duly authenticated within the last thirty (30) days, by the officer of the state or country wherein the LLC is formed.
13. If the period of duration is a date certain and is not stated in the Articles of Organization from the domestic state, a copy of that page from the Operating Agreement stating the date must also be submitted.
14. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this application for admission to transact business is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated December 7th, 2003  
(Month/Day) (Year)

W. Brent Rice

(Signature)

(Signature must comply with Section 5-45 of ILLCA)

W. Brent Rice, mbr.

(Type or print name and title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*(If applicant is a company or other entity, state name of company  
and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.)

\*Please refer to Sections 178.20(d) of the Administrative Rules

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Form **LLC-45.25**  
December 2003

**Illinois**  
**Limited Liability Company Act**  
**Amended Application for Admission**

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firm check payable to Secretary of State.  
(If check is returned for any reason this  
filing will be void.)*

Filing Fee (See instructions)  
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Date 10/18/2004  
Assigned File # 0107-2706  
Filing Fee \$ 35.00  
Approved [Signature]

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1. Limited Liability Company name: Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC
2. File number assigned by the Secretary of State: 01072706-L
3. This amended application is accompanied by a copy of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Organization, as evidence of any change, such copy being duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country wherein the limited liability company is organized, which certification is not more than 60 days old.
4. The text of the amendment is:  
  
Change Registered Agent and office from National Registered Agents, Inc., 200 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60606 in the county of Cook; to CT Corporation System, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604 in the county of Cook.  
  
CT Corporation System will hereby accept all process served upon the above entity.
5. I affirm, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this amended application for admission is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated October 7, 2004  
(Month/Day) (Year)

[Signature]  
(Signature)

J. Sherman Henderson, III, Member  
(Type or print name and title)

(If applicant is a company or other entity, state name of company  
and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.)

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

If the only amendment reported is a change in the registered agent and/or registered office, the filing fee is \$35.  
If other changes are reported, the filing fee is \$150.